#### Paris View of Fighting.

PARIS, October 19 .- An uninterrupte offensive movement by the allies at ints in northern France was edicted here today as the battle was The retaking of Armentieres, on the River Lys on the Belgian west of Lille of the right line leading kirk to Belfort is decided, army officers are looking forward to still another second of its numerous places of support. This, with the progress in several other sections, notably Arras, gave the allies hope of a continuance of their advance.

Lieut Col. Housset, the military critic, in reviewing the military situation, refuses to concur in the statement made that the battle of the Aisne has been definitely won by the allies.

"One never knows what will happen," he says, "and while the enemy will not take the return route, a revival of its activities can be produced in another vicinity, especially if the Germans see that their maneuver in the north is endangered. But it is certain that upon the horizontal line going from the Oise to the Meuse the allies have toward Doual via Givenchy and Fro-

nothing to fear, as every effort of the Germans from this side would certainly

"As to the new battle, that of Flan-"As to the new battle, that of Flanders, it is clearly offensive on the side of the allies. The circumstance which inspires us is that it will develop on ground more favorable for attack than defense, and that it is undulating land, widely spaced, where troops can easily deflie for aggressive movements."

While occasional impatience is manifested at the lack of definite news from the front, Parislans have come to the realization that the battles have been transformed into veritable sieges with their comparatively slew operations. Even after the battle from Dunkirk to Belfort is decided, army officers are looking forward to still another siege.

DOESN'T FAVOR AMENDING CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.

Convention Comes to an End This tend Bar Association Tomorrow.

Former President William H. Taft addressing the convention of commisnual session at the New Willard Hotel, today gave strong words of encouragement to the commissioners in onnection with their announced intention to frame a uniform marriage and

MORE VICTORIES FOR SERVIA

American Bar Association met in the mezzanine gallery of the New Willard this afternoon, for its first session. This gathering had interest principally for state bar examiners and law school teachers. Following the remarks of the chairman of the section, Charles A. Boston of New York, Robert M. Hughes of Virginia presented a paper on the evolution of the board of law examiners. Other papers and discussions were contributed by I. Maurice Wormser of New York, Lawrence Maxwell of Ohio, and Harlan F. Stone of New York.

The legal education section will meet again tonght at the same place, at 8 o'clock.

Georgetown University Delegates.

Justice Ashley M. Gould of the Supreme Court of the District of Co-

## BERLIN LOOKS FOR A CHANGE IN FRENCH BATTLE SITUATION

BERLIN. via Te Hague and London, October 19.—All the signs indicate that a change is impending in the protracted struggle in northern France, where for weeks the hostile armies have faced each other in such strongly intrenched positions that neither has been able to advance except at enormous cost. The principal effect of the mutual flanking operations has been to force. mutual flanking operations has been to extend the battle lines without either

side finding a weak spot.

The German army which besieged Antwerp is now free, and the invading forces have been strengthened other wise for an assault against some point in the extended battle front. Rigid secrecy is preserved as to the point for this offensive movement. The bulletins given out by the German headquarters throw no light on the na headquarters throw no light on the har-ture of the stroke which unmistakably is impending. America is perhaps bet-ter informed concerning this than is 'lermany. The latest bulletin reports this stereotype: "The situation is un-

si impending. America is perhaps better informed concerning this than is Germany. The latest bulletin reports this stereotype: "The situation is unchanged."

Comforts on Battle Line.

Reports from the front state that the intrenched positions in the center have become full-fledged fortresses. The infantry is lodged in such elaborately protected shelter pits that damage is done only when a heavy shell strikes squarely. Shrapnel or shell fragments do not penetrate. The solders have introduced mattresses, tables and other comforts into these underground rooms, in which they live in comparative comfort sinto these underground rooms, in which they live in comparative comfort except when it is necessary to man the trenches against infantry attacks. Heavy artillery is planted in masses near the line. These guas include the twenty-fly we which, were captured from the fortresses at Givet, France.

Demonstrations and false alarms are frequent. The fall of Antwerp caused a sudden outflare of activity, the cheers of the German papers are without direct news regarding operations in this section. Prince Joachim, youngest son of Embron WHERE BIG BATTLES BECOME

MERE INCIDENTS OF CONFLICT

Sective.

Cannon in disappearing armored turrets masser the continued German fire. In houses outside the French lines have been found cellar telephones, by Treans of which the position of the German fire. In houses outside the French and adaptive deep found cellar telephones, by Treans of which the position of the German fire. In houses outside the French and against the flow of the object with due caution. "I'm am not sure." he said, but what you should have some representatives of the other sex to assist you."

Mr. Taft characterized the conference of a French advanced from aerial reconstitution and the good work they are doing artillery attack upon the position.

"How tensely we watch our shrapnel but the proposition." He said, the saids."

The Swiss newspapers report severe righting and frequent artillery duels in the vicinity of Belfort

front. The French still held the eastern The French still neig the eastern frontier fortress line, although a number of barrier forts have fallen. A letter from a German officer who was before Toul describes the art with which the French defended every yard before and between the fortres

#### In Three-Story Trenches.

The French infantry is sheltered in three-story trenches. The bomb-proofs, even in the infantry positions, are roofed with concrete, against which all except the heaviest shells are inef-

Cannon in disappearing armored tur-

# MERE INCIDENTS OF CONFLICT

ON THE BATTLE FRONT, October 18, via Paris, October 19.—What in previous wars would have been called great battles were fought today on the eastern wing of the fighting line eastern wing of the fighting line stretching from the Belgian coast to Switzerland. In this great battle of nations, however, these fights are regarded merely as incidents. The fighting always has been of the most fierce nature in this district, owing to the strenuous efforts of the Germans to obtain possession of the strong fortresses of Verdun, Toul and Epinal in order to open a way from Metz into France.

Saint-Die, on the Murthe, thirty-two

ter of today's attacks which resulted Alsace and Lorraine also felt the shock of the battle and in the Vosges the fa-mous French Alpine regiments were in contact with German columns. These mountaineers continually keep the Germans busy by utilizing their re-markable mountain guns and baffling the efforts to drive them out.

### Railroad Line Cut.

Their greatest achievement in the re cent operations was the cutting of railroad communication between Colmar, capital of upper Alsace and Muelhausen Alsace, thereby increasing the difficulties of the Germans in sending their

prisoners. "To the guns, comrades!" Every Frenchman thereupon rose and rushed to the stacks of guns, the butts of which could be seen beneath the fog. casualties. The borders of both The German commander and a dozen own bayonets, and the entire German battalion, dazed by the onslaught, sur-rendered. The French took them back to the French lines after the fog lifted. resist the French, but fell under thei Surprised by Turcos.

On another part of the line, where quarries, the French general called for the Algerians, discarding their rifles, teeth and suprprised the Germans, of whom only eight escaped.

wounded to the rear and bringing up supplies.

The Germans have brought 10-inch mortars in this district, supposedly for an intended eventual siege of Belfort. In view of this possibility the French have renewed their attacks from the south and again advanced beyond Altkirche. A great part of the theater of operations in southern Alsace is illuminated at night by forest fires along the Swiss frontier caused by shells felling across the border.

Along the intrenched line where the armies have been face to face for six weeks, nothing beyond a desultory bombardment occurred today; but farther north, on the western wing, where the German efforts to break the allies' lines have been unsuccessful, the fighting still continues.

During a dense fog, which overhung

#### AMERICANS ARE AIDING IN PLAN TO RELIEVE STARVING BRUSSELS

Baron Lambert, representing the Belgian government, and Hugh S. Gibson of Los Angeles, Cal., secretary of the American legation at Brussels, have arrived in London from the Belgian capital and today they conferred with Ambassador Page and the Belgian minister here concerning the movement to send food from London to Brussels.

The shortage of food in Brussels is serious. The supply of flour has become exhausted, and there is great need that it be replenished immediately. Extensive plans are underway for wholesale shipments of food through the copperation of the Belgian minister, Ambassador Page and the British foreign food in Brussels.

### PORTE, IN DEFIANCE OF ENGLAND, IS TO RETAIN GERMAN CREWS

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 19, via | question, although it had previously Landon, 3:50 p.m-The port has declined to discharge the German crews of the cruisers Goeben and Breslau. of the cruisers Goeben and Breslau, dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph which have been in Turkish waters from Athens says that 100 Austrian since early in the hostilities and which are said to have been sold by Germany to the Turkish government.

sailors and workmen have arrived in Constantinople to serve on Turkish warships and in the forts along the

This reply was given in answer to the British representations regarding the continued presence of Germans on

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given repeated assurances that these Germans would be repatriated. LONDON, October 19, 1:48 a.m.-A

board these two vessels.

The government has now shelved the menical patriarch, the head of the matter, declaring it to be a domestic stantinople.

# TAFT LAUDS EFFORT FOR UNIFORM LAWS

Former President, in Addressing Commission, Speaks of Looseness in Many States.

Afternoon and Members Will At-

divorce law for enactment by the leg-islatures of all the states.

"The looseness with which marriage laws have been treated in many of the states." Mr. Taft said, "requires that you make an effort of the strongest kind toward uniformity, for the sake of the sanctity of the home and the necessity of its preservation. I am very sure, because of your success in other difficult fields, that you can and will bring about a betterment of conditions. "I am not in favor of any amendment to the Constitution of the United States, not because it does not need amendment, for in the light of our acquaintance with its workings we might make some minor changes which might facilitate its operation.

"But I am not in favor of tinkering with that great government instrument when there are so many cranks and so many movements looking toward its total abolition.

"Therefore, through you, and your work in making uniform the state laws."

"Therefore, through you, and your work in making uniform the state laws of the country, we is not for such enactments as will prevent a man's being married in one state and not in another, for that is the ridiculous effect of some of our state laws."

### Praises Their Success.

"You seem, so far, to have been mos

laughed—that the courts should not be relieved of settling compensation cases on the ground that the legal profession needs the work, but I hope, through your efforts, that we will eventually have a uniform compensation law."

The convention of commissioners on uniform state laws will come to a close late this afternoon, and its members will tomorrow begin to attend the sessions of the American Bar Association, which convenes then. It is expected that the commissioners will finish the consideration and discussion of the compensation law this afternoon.

The local committee having in charge arrangements for the Bar Association convention announced today that members of the Minter announced today that members of the Minter announced today that members of the Minter and the compensation announced today that members of the Minter and the compensation the service of the Minter and the service of the Minter and the compensation that the convention announced today that members of the Minter and the compensation that the convention announced today that members of the Minter and the compensation that the convention announced today that members of the Minter and the compensation that the convention announced today that the convention announced arrangements for the Bar Association convention announced today that members of the Washington bar who are members of the national association and expect to attend the annual banquet Thursday evening at the New Willard Hotel are used to notify at once Frederick E. Wadhams, treasurer, at the New Willard Hotel, of their intention to be present.

#### Preliminary Sessions Held by the Subsidiary Bodies. American Bar Association While the Uniform Laws convention

holding its final sessions this afternoon, the preliminary work of allied and subsidiary bodies of the American Bar Association, to convene here to-morrow, began in various meeting places of the New Willard Hotel. The first annual session of the new American Society of Military Law, of which Col. Nathan William McChesney of Illinois is president, was held in the blue room, and its members listened to blue room, and its members' listened to a paper dealing with the recent strikes in West Virginia, by Henry W. Ballantine of Wisconsin, entitled "Military Orders as a Substitute for Laws, Courts and Constitutions." Judge Advocate General Crowder of the United States Army and Judge Advocate General McLean of the United States Navy discussed this paper and proclamations. Lean of the United States Navy dis-cussed this paper and proclamations of martial law and their effect. A dinner and reception for the mem-bers of the American Society of Mili-tary Law will be held this evening at the Army and Navy Club. Most of those present will be judge advocate generals of the different states.

### Attorneys General Meet.

The National Association of Attorneys General of the United States began its eighth annual meeting this afternoon Willard Hotel, with the expectation

that Joseph W. Folk would address the convention late in the afternoom or tomorrow morning.

John S. Dawson of Kansas, attorney general of that state, delivered an address as president of the organization on its history and work. Attorney General Grant Fellows of Michigan and Attorney General George Cosson of Iowa discussed "Removal of Derelict Officials." Attorney General John T. Barker of Missouri discussed "Abuses of Federal Courts." Attorney General Scott Wilson of Maine presented a paper on "Federal and State Jurisdiction of Water Power." Assistant Attorney of Water Power." Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Sampson of Iowa presented a paper on "Workmen's Compensation Acts." There was a gen-eral discussion of "Blue Sky Laws and Lawauits."

Life of Prince Oscar Saved by Heart Attack LONDON, October 19 .-- A dispatch to the Times from Copenhagen says that it is generally stated in Germany that Prince Oscar, the fifth son of the em-

Oscar, the fifth son of the emperor, when his life to his attack of heart failure.

It appears from the stories current that a party of Turcos wave fring from trees and shot down all the officers surrounding the prince, without exception. The sudden excitement led to the heart attack and the prince fell unconnectous. The Turcos, it appeared, believed he was dead and stopped firing.

#### INTERESTING CONVENTION OF BANKERS IS EXPECTED

members of the committee on insurance | Federal Reserve Board and Treasury of New System.

> Federal reserve board and Treasury officials today expected an interesting convention, beginning tomorrow, of the banks of the country. Arrangements the Pan-American building, but it is now probable that space will be found in the Treasury for the purpose.

Gov. Hamlin of the federal reserve board, Secretary McAdoo and probably Controller Williams will make speeches to the assembling bankers, who will and will put in three days discussing the preliminaries to the inauguration

the case of the German Alliance In-Expect to Start System Nov. 15. It was believed today that the bankbe started on its work November 15. The call for the first payment of onelate rates for fire insurance.
"This is one of the most far-reaching sixth of the capital stocks of the banks

"It marks the era when public rate-making replaces private rate-making. It is possible and probable that public rate-making based on schedules and classifications will result in such adjustment in fire insurance rates as will tend almost automatically to reduce defects and hazards in buildings, thus acting constantly and powerfully to decrease the annual fire waste of this country. The federal reserve convention will discuss all phases of the work to be undertaken. One suggestion likely to be adopted is the appointment of a special committee on mechanical devices and banking equipment.

#### country. "The annual fire waste of the United "The annual fire waste of the Chief States averages about \$250,000,000. This waste can be and should be greatly reduced. It is an indictment of the economic intelligence of the American people. It is to be hoped that in this particular the District of Columbia will become an example to other sections." P. T. Moran Thinks Fighters Should Be Better Rewarded.

National Rifles' Armory was filled with friends of the fire department last night on the occasion of a mass meeting and entertainment held under the auspices of the Firemen's Association.

LONDON, October 19, 2:45 p.m.-"A private letter from Sven Hedin, the ton, one of the speakers, told of his infamous explorer, who has been visiting terest in the fire department. He discussed the needs for an adequate pension measure and said he thought there penhagen correspondent of the Star, should be a trial board to hear complaints "relates that he has visited the center against firemen. Senator Jones said he of events on the German west front thought members of the department were

### Held for the Grand Jury.

paper correspondent at Lemberg, re-ferring to the German losses in the at-Deemisnis was held for the action of the grand jury in \$500 bonds today in tempts to cross the Upper San river, telegraphs that this stream is filled

# SCENE OF THE FIGHTING IN NORTHERN FRANCE PLANS PLAYGROUND USE BLOCKS CONSENT PLAN AIM IS BETTERMENT FOR ADULT RECREATIONS FOR WAR TAX MEASURE

Purchase of One Park Yearly and Establishment of Pools.

Washington's playgrounds will not e entirely patronized by the city's uvenile population if the Commissionrs approve a recommendation cor ained in the annual report of E. S. Martin, supervisor of playgrounds. To the end that all the people of the District may enjoy these recreation enters, Mr. Martin urges that they be provided with more benches, electric lights and further park treatment. lights and further park treatment.

He also proposes that the playground department be made a department of recreation or a public welfare department. The Commissioners, it is believed, aiready have compiled with this request, as the new estimates are said to provide for a change in Mr. Martin's title from supervisor of playgrounds to director of recreation.

the report are for a survey of the receational facilities of the city; the purchase of at least one park yearly ment of swimming pools in the various

the capital during the last few years, Mr. Martin states tha tthe principal ac-

The establishment of cordial relations with the public schools and the federal park system, making it possible to organize the public schools base ball teams into division leagues containing over 1,000 members.

The organization of the public school athletics into eight divisions, corresponding with our playground divisions, providing an opportunity for competitive games and athletic events in each division for over 1,500 boys.

The provision of facilities for tennist tournaments for the high schools. The provision of facilities for tennis tournaments for the high schools.

The provision of grounds for foot ball practice for our high schools, and assistance in caring for the regular foot ball grounds. The provision for a soccer ball league and for indoor athletics along the same lines as those provided for outdoor athletics.

The provision of tennis courts, base ball, soccer ball, foot ball and croquet grounds for government clubs and others.

LONDON, October 19.—Reuter's Nish, Servia, correspondent sends an official communication which announces Servian victories in battles against the Austrians, as follows:

"October 12-13—The Servians were victorious in vigorous skirmishes on our left wing in Bosnia.

"October 12—The enemy was repulsed in an attack on the front of Svornik-Losnitza.

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"October 12—We repulsed an attack on the Drina river.

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The development of Boy Scout activi-ties, especially relating to vocational guidance, citizenship and community

The development of a bureau of informatior for parents and others to consult with regard to children and for the assistance of business men in securing the services of competent boys and girls when not in conflict with school duties.

The development of our teachers through a systematic training course, given by two of our workers, resulting in more efficient service.

The establishment of two swimming pools, one for white, at Rosedale, and one for colored, at Howard.

The establishment or equipment of a new playground each year, i. e., Gallinger in 1912, Bloomingdale in 1913 and Willow Tree alley in 1914.

### CAPTURE OF CAPE HAITIEN BY THE REVOLUTIONISTS

American Marines Landed From Warships in the Harbor Are in Control.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Haiti, October 19 .-The latent development in the Haytian revolution is the occupation of Cape entered the town today.

American marines from the warships

American marines from the warships in the harbor have been landed and are in control of the situation. The rebels entered in an orderly manner and there have been no excesses.

The ministry of President Zamore, realizing that it is not in a position to control the situation, left Cape Haytien!

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The ministry of President Zamore, realizing that it is not in a position to control the situation, left Cape Haytien today on the dispatch boat Pacifique. The entry into Cape Haytien follows the recent rebel victory on the north coast near Limonade, after which the president retreated in the direction of Grand Riviere and other government forces withdrew toward Cape Haytien. **GEN. FRENCH COMMENDS** 

## MANY OF HIS OFFICERS Calls Particular Attention to the

Merits of Corps Commanders and Aids.

LONDON, October 18.—Gen. French in his report to the minister of war gives a long list of officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have been recommended for special mention by army corps commanders and heads of departments. Gen. French expresses his agreement with these recommendes. ions and draws attention to the valuable service rendered by Gens. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, Sir Douglas Haig and William Pulteney Pulteney, manders of the 1st, 2d and 3d Corps, respectively. Of Maj. Gens. E. H. H. Allenby and Sir George Paish of England Dis-

Hubert De La P. Gough, Gen. French "The undoubted superlority which our

"The undoubted superiority which our cavalry has attained over that of the enemy has been due to the skill with which they have turned to best account the qualities inherent in the splendid troops they command."

Mention also is made of Gen. Sir David Henderson, commander of a flying corps, Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, chief of staff, and other officers.

Capt. Frederick Edward Guest of the East Dorset regiment, who married Amy Phipps, daughter of Henry Phipps of New York; Lieut. Col. H. L. Low-ther of the Scots Guards, former secretary to the Duke of Connaught; Capt. T. B. Traill, well known as a polo player; Lieut. Prince Maurice of Battenberg, and Maj. Prince Arthur of Connaught also come in for honorable mention.

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A Husband's Diplomacy.

Mrs. Exe—Can't afford to let me go to the seashore? Why not? My board there wouldn't cost much more than it does here. loes here.

Exe—I admit that, my love; but think of all the money I'd have to spend enertaining myself in your absence.

Supervisor Martin Recommends Representative Henry Defeats Motion in House to Send Bill to Conference.

All plans to take up the Union station plaza resolution and to rush through the war tax bill to conference today by the House were upset by a sudden determination to force Representative Henry of Texas to show his hand. The Texas man has been the the war tax bill and adjourn. He ha been filibustering in the interests of emergency cash cotton legislation, and Saturday said he would sleep on the war tax bill to pass without a quorum Immediately on the assembling of the House today Representative Underwood asked unanimous consent to send the bill immediately to conference with the Senate. Representative Henry forced a delay by blocking the unanimous consent and the Speaker sent the bill to the ways and means committee. The committee will meet tomorrow to consider the ninety-eight Senate amendments and the bill cannot go to conference before tomorrow afternoon. Other recommendations contained in

## Makes Point of No Quorum.

committee, Representative Bathrick of Ohio made a point of no quorum, and the House found itself with only 190 proper number, and an adjournment for

# CONVENTION TO ADJUST VERA CRUZ QUESTIONS

Silliman Gets Assurances From Gen. Aguilar and Reports to President.

dministrative questions incident to the vacuation of Vera Cruz by the Ameri-

depart.
Of 125 Mexican wounded brought to the American side at Naco, Ariz., yesterday, after the fighting between Mexican forces, forty-six have been allowed to remain. The slightly wounded have been returned to Mexico. The forty-six will be sent to the hospital at Douglas, where their expenses will be paid by the Carranza leaders.

### Effort Made to Stop Fighting.

on the border, and avert an interna-tional complication, the national con-question of vessels for practice work vention at Aguascalientes. Mexico, has of the naval militia. The navy is using Maytorena and Gen. Hill. commanders a few obsolete converted yachts

the orders of the convention, it is sup-posed here the delegates will appeal to Gen. Villa, as commander of the dis-vision of the north, to quell the disturbances

#### Awaiting Zapata's Delegates. While awaiting the arrival of the Za

pata delegates before deciding on the personnel of the new provisional gov ing with considerable concern the ac ivity of the Maytorena forces in their attack on the Carranza garrison comnanded by Gen. Hill. Gov. Maytorena, who, it was supposed

adhered to the cause of Gen. Villa, was ordered to suspend operations by Villa, and the Carranza garrison was similarly informed of the arrangement of an armistice through the delegates at the national convention.

### PLAN FOR RESTORATION OF CREDIT EXCHANGES

cusses Financial Problems With President Wilson

Sir George Paish, financial adviser of

the British government, and Basil Blackett of the British treasury department conferred with President Wilson today on the need of re-estab-lishing credits between the United States and England and on the cotton States and England and on the cotton situation in this country.

Sir George called at the White House at the personal invitation of the President, to whom he outlined the financial situation in Engoge and told the President conditions were growing better, but that much depended upon the United States.

He asked that Mr. Wilson and the Treasury Department co-operate with the British government, and the President said that the American government was willing to do everything possible.

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sible.
Following his call Sir George said that he expected to hold further conferences with Treasury Department officials, and that definite information regarding the purpose of his mission would have to come from Secretary McAdoo."

#### One of the Sights. rom the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Friend—They tell me your son is attracting a good deal of attention.
The Enthusiastic Father—I should say he is! Have you seen him? Therething lacking. He's got 'em all—linen suit, cane, wrist watch and white socks.

General Board of Officers Authorized by Congress Convenes in This City.

OF NAVAL MILITIA

## PAYS VISIT OF COURTESY TO SECRETARY DANIELS

Object Is to Increase Efficiency of Organizations as Second Line of Country's Defense.

Looking to increasing the efficiency of the naval militia of the United States as a second line of defense for the navy, the naval militia general litia act of last February, met at the fore convening the members of the board and several officers of the naval board called upon Secretary Daniels of After the bill was referred to the the navy to pay their respects and to receive any instructions of communications which he had for them. They were introduced to the Secretary by Commander Frederic B. Bassett, ir.

proper number, and an adjournment for the day with no business done was a possibility. The occasion for the point of no quorum was to ascertain just how many members are in the city today.

If it is found there is no possibility of a quorum in the city today at all Sergeant-at-Arms Gordon will send out messengers in an effort to get a quorum by tomorrow or Wednesday and then use that quorum to rush through the war tax bill and assure an adjournment by Thursday if possible.

As stated in The Star previously, a definite agreement has been made to pass the plaza resolution today. If the House adjourns without having settled that matter today the friends of the resolution will use every effort to have the resolution passed before the final adjournment of Congress.

Members of the Bassett, jr., U. S. N., in charge of the naval militia division of the Navy Department.

Secretary Daniels told the members of the board that he would be pleased to receive from them any recommendations developed as a result of their deliberations here during the week which would increase the efficiency of the naval militia. He particularly told them to go at length into the question of sending the naval militia of the country through the Panama canal to pass the plaza resolution today. If the House adjourns without having settled that matter today the friends of the resolution passed before the final adjournment of Congress.

#### Members of the Board. The naval militia board is composed

of Capt. E. A. Evers, commanding the aval militia of Chicago, who is also resident of the Naval Militia Associa tion of the United States; Capt. C. D. Bradham, commanding the North Carolina naval militia; Commander R. R. Forshew of the New York naval militia; Commander J. M. Mitcheson, retired, naval militia of Pennsylvania, former commander of that organization, and Lieut. J. T. McMillan of the naval militia of California, with headquarters at San Francisco. Other officers present were: Commander Guy A. Eaton, commanding the naval militia of Minnesota; Commander A. B. Frye of the naval militia of New York and Lieut. Commander C. L. Poor, also of New York. Bradham, commanding the North Caro-

evacuation of Vera Cruz by the American forces had been referred by Gen. Carranza to the national convention of Auguascalientes.

Consul Silliman, who conferred with Gen. Aguilar at Vera-Cruz, reports that the latter has given assurances that all the points will be satisfactorily adjusted.

Such an arrangement is satisfactory to administration officials here, as they months ago. New York.

Such an arrangement is satisfactory to administration officials here, as they believe the action of the convention will be binding upon any future government in Mexico. This government has not altered its plans to withdraw the forces, but is asking merely that questions be settled before the troops depart.

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### Vessels for Practice Work.

Another matter which probably will val militia for practice purposes. The navy is very short of small vessels of the gunboat type, and is compelled to the gunboat type, and is compelled to use every one of them in South and Central American police work; thus there are no vessels of this type, considered the best for naval militia training, to turn over to the reserve forces. It has been the idea of the Navy Department that if Congress would provide funds for the construction of a number of small gunboats for the Pan-American work, quite a few of the older gunboats would be released for use of the naval militia. There are others who would have Congress provide a special type for the naval militia, built along gunboat lines, but with wooden hulls sheathed in copper—these to be turned over to the naval militia. wooden nums sneathed in copper-ties to be turned over to the naval militia permanently. The whole question likely will receive much consideration of the board, which will be in session here during the entire week.

### **GERMAN EMBASSY HERE GETS REPORT ON FIGHTING**

Teutons Advance Near Lyck and Battle South of Warsaw, Wireless Message Says.

German advances near Lyck and fightng near and south of Warsaw are rerted in a wireless message received oday from Berlin at the German embassy here and given out as follows: "Official headquarters reports October 18 that the western theater of war was quiet yesterday, with the situation not changed. In the eastern theater German forces are advancing near Lyck,

and fighting is going on near and south The German embassy received the folloging official message from Berlin yesterday:

"Headquarters reports that the Germans took at Bruges and Ostend m war material, a large number of in-fantry rifles and ammunition and 200 locomotives ready for use. "In the French war theater there are no important developments to report.
"In the district of Suwalki, in Russia, the Russians kept quiet yesterday, Oc-tober 16. The number of Russ.an prison-ers taken near Schirwindt has increased to 4,000, and more guns have been

#### REPORTS THE CAPTURE OF GERMAN MINE LAYER

LONDON, October 19, 12:20 p.m.-The Central News has sent out a dispatch from Harwich in which the correspondent says he has learned upon good au-thority that the British cruiser Undaunted, accompanied by two to host destroyers, has captured a German mine layer in the North see. The mine layer, the dispatch says, was disguised as a hospital ship. The Undaunted is bringing her prize into Hard

The press bureau is without confition of this incident.

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May Work in Conjunction With

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Nesbit's Recommendations.

Kentucky and the District of Columbia may work in conjunction for a "model" insurance code.

This became known today following

conference between Charles F. Nesbit, District superintendent of insur-

ance; Frank C. Greene, member of a

commission appointed by Gov. James

state fire insurance laws, and Ashley Cockrill and Archibald G. Thatcher,

The committee has drafted an elab-

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orate insurance code for the District of Columbia which will be considered by the American Bar Association at its sessions to be held in Washington this week. If adopted the bill will be presented to Congress and its enactment urged as the first step in a movement to bring about uniform insurance laws

to bring about uniform insurance laws throughout the country.

It developed at today's conference that many of the features of the committee's bill are approved by Supt. Nesbit, who will co-operate with the committee in every way to bring about a "model" law for the National Capital.

Cites Importance of Uniform Laws.

In his annual report submitted to the

phasizes the importance of uniform in-

He refers to the decision of the Su-

preme Court of the United States in

surance Company agt. Ike Lewis, con-firming the decision of the state law of

Kansas, giving the superintendent of insurance the right to fix and regu

SAYS THE GERMANS HOLD

the front at the invitation of the Ger-

man government," telegraphs the Co-

FILL RIVERS OF POLAND

PETROGRAD, October 19 .- A news

marks the era when public rate-

of the American Bar Association

B. FcCreary of Kentucky, to investigate

MODEL INSURANCE CODE IS SOUGHT BY DISTRICT

of the federal reserve system.

has been made for November 2, and succeeding calls will follow, as deemed

# ASKS MORE PAY FOR FIREMEN.

350,000 WAR PRISONERS Gude presided and introduced the several speakers.

of events on the German west front and that everything is working like a machine.

"The Germans claim 350,000 British French, Russian and Belgian prisoners, Mr. Hedin pledges his word as an impartial observer that these prisoners are not being treated harshly, and he adds that the Germans would never burn villages unless forced to do so."

SAYS BODIES OF DEAD

FILL RIVERS OF POLAND

## Charged with housebreaking, Jame

the Police Court by Judge Mullowny. Lawsuits."

The Maritime Law Association met at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the cabinet room of the New Willard, listening to a discussion of questions of international maritime law arising out of the war in Europe by its president, George C. Holt, of New York.

The section of legal education of the